Raising of 2IR Battalions in Tripura

1395. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to raise 2IR Battalions in Tripura; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Steps to Curb Insurgency

1396. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to curb insurgency activities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons as to why insurgency activities have increased during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) 'Public Order' and 'Police' being State subjects., it is for the concerned State Governments to devise various measures and take concrete steps in this regard. Central Government has been regularly sensitising all the State Governments and concerned agencies regarding insurgent activities. Intelligence is shared on continuous basis and support is provided by way of financial assistance under a Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces. Central Government also provides para military forces on need basis. In order to prevent infiltration, border fencing and flood lighting has been undertaken along stretches of Indo-Pakistan and Indo-Bangladesh borders besides patrolling.